



Wards Corner Civic League

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November 2013

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## CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

### NORFOLK FITNESS and WELLNESS CENTER

**MONDAY**  
**November 18, 2013**  
**6:45 PM**

#### Program

**Representative from the Department of Development invited**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

As you read this edition of the newsletter, another election day has come and gone, and we have selected a new Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General. We will have also elected new Constitutional Officers for Norfolk in the offices of City Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, Sherriff and Commonwealth Attorney. Whatever the outcome of these races, we will have to work with these people for the next several years. Let's wish them well in their respective offices and trust that they serve us with dignity, honesty and integrity.

Locally, if Ralph Northam wins the Lt. Governor's seat it will mean another election immediately to fill his seat in the Virginia Senate. Therefore, you can expect a scrambling race of candidates vying for his seat. Once the two candidates (and assuming only two) are selected by their caucuses we will try to have them at our December civic league meeting for a face off. The election will have to be held later in December or early January so that this person can begin his

office when the General Assembly begins in January.

The signs of progress continue at Wards Corner. The infrastructure of the Towne Bank is now up and construction of the Harris Teeter and connected stores is beginning to come to life. Soon it will be March and these stores will be opening. You should have also noticed that the power lines along Granby and Little Creek at the Harris Teeter site side are not visible as they have been buried underground. The new light poles have also been installed along with the new sidewalks. Obviously this construction continues. I can't wait for the opening. . Also, you should have seen the reconstruction of the McDonalds lately as they begin adding a second drive through and new face lift. That should be complete by the end of November or sooner. The revitalization of Wards Corner is happening and we should all be glad and thankful.

Please take the time to read the many interesting articles in this edition of the newsletter. We strive to bring you the latest news of the Wards Corner area that we are aware of since the last newsletter. Sometimes we have slow news months and struggle to find something to write about and other times there is a lot to write about.

I hope you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving as we mark the beginning of the holiday season. Thanks and I hope to see you at the next civic league meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Wellness Center at 645PM.

Sincerely,

Jim English

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## Wards Corner Civic League Minutes

October 21, 2013

WCCL met on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 630PM in NFWCenter. President Jim English welcomed guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: 33. This was a scheduled "meet the candidates" forum.

CRO Gary Warner reported due to code violations of parking on the lawn on West Little Creek Rd, some cars had been ticketed. It has been an ongoing complaint. Since September 20: 1 aggravated assault on Sterling, 4 larcenies (vehicles, stores), 4 vandalisms (Ruthven, Burleigh, Gloucester, ). It was suggested that we report any suspicious foot traffic and truants (recently at North Shore playground and baseball diamond). Call 911, the non-emergency no. or write the officer's EMail. Our officer gave info on a Free VIN and Property Etching program, available Nov.2 Harbor Park from 11-2. It is a crime deterrent, and helps police identify stolen vehicles and property. Call 664 6901. The Mayor's Commission on Poverty Reduction Town Hall meeting will be Nov.7 at Pretlow Library 6-730PM.

Leanne from Ocean View Civic League asked that we participate in the 2nd annual community tree lighting on Dec.1 at 4-6PM near OV Gazebo. We are encouraged to host a table with info about our civic league. Free candies/cookies are appreciated.

Pres. Jim announced changes to the bylaws. ...to increase the board membership by 2: newsletter

editor and member at large. The motion was made, seconded, passed by majority.

Greg Underwood, unopposed for Commonwealth Attorney, spoke of his background and credentials. He was the responsible person for opening a satellite office next to Krogers. Sherry Battles Edmonds and Evans Posten explained their desire for winning Commissioner of the Revenue. Jim McDonnell, neighboring Talbot Hall Civic League president, spoke of his qualifications for office of City Treasurer. His opponent was unavailable. Incumbent Sheriff Bob McCabe defended his position against 2 candidates who were unavailable.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan S Griffey, Sec.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>\$1774.60</b>
<b>+ funds received</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>		
<b>- funds disbursed</b>		<b>\$109.82</b>	
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$1749.78</b>

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<b>Police Non-Emergency</b>	<b>441-5610</b>
<b>Pace Officer</b>	<b>831-3484</b>
<b>Police Red Sector</b>	<b>664-6914</b>
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	<b>664-6532</b>
<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>683-2712</b>
<b>Sewer Backup</b>	<b>823-1000</b>
<b>Waste Management (Call here for large pickups)</b>	<b>441-5813</b>
<b>Norfolk Cares Call Center (Don't know what office to call on the problem?)</b>	<b>664-6510</b>
<b>Police Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>

## Notice from the Norfolk Department of Utilities

Did you know that 70% of Norfolk's sewer blockages are caused by fats, oils and grease from cooking?

If washed down the drain, fats oils, and grease cool and stick to the inside of pipes. Over time, this grease builds up, blocks the pipes and clogs your plumbing. When it is cleared out of the plumbing, the fat moves into the sanitary sewer system, causing even more blockages and backups.

### What can you do?

#### Can the Grease:

- pour used cooking grease into an empty heat-safe container, such as an empty soup can
- store it in the freezer
- once solidified, toss the can into the garbage

#### Scrape the Plate:

Wipe all pots, pans, dishes and cooking utensils with a paper towel prior to washing to absorb the grease

#### Catch the Scraps:

Eliminate using the garbage disposal. Catch food scraps in your sink with a basket or strainer and toss them into the trash.

#### Recycle:

Large quantities of household fats, oils or grease accumulated from cooking, frying and general food preparation can be recycled through the local Household Hazardous Waste program.

If you have any questions regarding fats, oils and grease or would like more information, please contact the Norfolk Utilities' FOG Office at 757-823-1090 or visit the following website:

[www.norfolk.gov/utilities/FOG](http://www.norfolk.gov/utilities/FOG)

### NEWS AND NOTES

Thanks to those of you have heard our pleas and offered to deliver newsletters. We now have all routes covered and are thrilled that others are willing to help.

### Have you ever asked???

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

### Membership

***Our current membership has increased to 130 members! Thank you for your support. It will soon be time to renew your membership for 2014, and if you're not a member, you can join by sending your check to Ray Duron at 530 Sterling Street, 23505. Our dues amount is a bargain-\$5.00/person or \$10/household.***

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